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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LAUGERUD REBUFFS MEETING WITH TORRIJOS

1. ON DEPARTURE FOR CANAL TREATY CEREMONIES SEPTEMBER 6, REPORTER ASKED PRESIDENT LAUGERUD IF HE INTENDED TO MEET WITH GENERAL TORRIJOS DURING THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON. LAUGERUD SAID HE DID NOT, BUT REVEALED THAT OAS SECGEN ORFILA HAD SOUNDED HIM OUT ABOUT SUCH A MEETING UNDER ORFILA'S AUSPICES. LAUGERUD SAID HE TOLD ORFILA, "IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD ANY SORT OF CONVERSATION UNTIL TORRIJOS APOLOGIZES TO THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE."

2. COMMENT: LOCAL RESENTMENT OVER PANAMANIAN "PERFIDY" ON THE BELIZE QUESTION IS DEEP-SEATED AND, IN THE POLITICAL/MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AT LEAST, COMPOUNDED BY DISTRUST OF TORRIJOS' LEFTIST AURA. IN THE MATTER OF THE CANAL TREATIES, HOWEVER, LAUGERUD HAS TAKEN PAINS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GOG SUPPORT FOR THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED

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